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AN ORDINANCE

BY: COUNCILMEMBER IVORY LEE YOUNG

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MAYOR'S ACTION

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WHEREAS, the street currently known as Delbridge Street is within the corporate boundaries of the city of Atlanta; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy Bolden has made a significant contribution to the city of Atlanta through her community service and her advocacy for the historic preservation of Atlanta's Vine City Community where she was born in the 1920's; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy Bolden was actively involved in the civil rights movement specifically the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), supported Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and was a voice for labor unions; and

WHEREAS, The National Domestic Workers Union (NDWU) was founded in Atlanta in 1968 by Dorothy Bolden to help women engaged in household work. The NDWU began an employment service, a "Homemaking Skills" program, and a "maids Honor Day." Ms. Bolden served as president of NDWU; and

WHEREAS, The activities of Dorothy Bolden and the National Domestic Workers Union (NDWU) in Atlanta during the late 1960s and 1970s bridged the gap between civil rights and labor. She brought strong and innovative ideas about community activism with her when she began to organize; and

WHEREAS, under Dorothy Bolden's leadership, the NDWU combined the black working class with the feminist movement of the 1960s and 1970s aimed at uniting professional women with low-income women fighting a common cause throughout Atlanta and the country; and

WHEREAS, Bolden's advocacy and tenacity as a labor leader, increased female domestic workers earnings from between \$3 and \$10 a day to \$14 daily wage and;

WHEREAS, the union organized by Bolden grew from a few hundred members to about 2,000 core members. Bolden and her union produced concrete results, after seven years, their wages rose to \$40 a day and the maids were covered under federal minimum wage standards.

WHEREAS, the renaming of Delbridge Street, N. W. to honor a native Atlanta freedom fighter, a great humanitarian, a labor leader, and a pioneer in advocating for women rights and disadvantaged citizens who has made significant contributions to this great city and the Vine City Community.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA GEORGIA as follows:

SECTION 1: That Delbridge Street, N. W. is renamed Dorothy Bolden Way from Sunset Avenue, N. W. to Walnut Street, N. W.

SECTION 2: That Section 2.2 is hereby waived to allow the street name change to take place.

SECTION 3: That the name change is effective upon the approval of Council and the Mayor.

SECTION: 4 That the appropriate city agencies, including but not limited to the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Planning, and the Clerk of Council, be directed to take such steps as are necessary to have the name chanted on street signs, maps, and other official documents and markers.